# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



## **FISCAL NOTE**

HB 257 - SB 723

March 15, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** A person who is proven not to be the biological father of a minor child by genetic testing and is relieved by a court of competent jurisdiction of the duty to provide future support for such child may file a civil cause of action against a biological father who has a legally imposed duty of support for the same child for recovery of the sums actually paid by that person under a child support order for such child. Recovery cannot exceed amounts actually paid by the person for child support for the child or children, together with prejudgment interest and costs of the action, including, but not limited to, court costs and any discretionary costs that may be allowed by the court.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

## Assumptions:

- Current law authorizes issuance of a judgment against the mother or actual biological father of the child or children in favor of the person subsequently found not to be the father of a child or children.
- According to the Department of Human Services, the bill will not affect the programs or operations of the Department. The fiscal impact of the bill on the Department will be not significant.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the bill will not affect court caseloads. The impact of the bill will be not significant.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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